

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 13, “Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment to the rules regarding exchange license requirements for applicants who submit a portfolio for review and evaluation pursuant to proposed subrule 13.3(4) [see **ARC 8249B** herein] ensures that applicants who are completing nontraditional teacher preparation programs meet the same basic requirements as other applicants for Iowa licensure.

A waiver provision is not included. The Board has adopted a uniform waiver rule.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, November 25, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2009. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or sent by E-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 282—13.17(272) as follows:

282—13.17(272) Specific requirements for exchange licenses. An applicant seeking Iowa licensure who completes the teacher preparation program from a recognized non-Iowa institution shall verify the requirements of subrules 13.18(4) and 13.18(5) through traditional course-based preparation program and transcript review. A recognized non-Iowa teacher preparation institution is one that is state-approved and is accredited by the regional accrediting agency for the territory in which the institution is located. Applicants for nontraditional exchange licenses are not required to have received their preparation through regionally approved teacher education programs.

13.17(1) One-year teacher exchange license.

a. ~~A~~ For an applicant applying under 13.3(2), a one-year nonrenewable exchange license may be issued to ~~an~~ the applicant under the following conditions:

(1) to (7) No change.

b. No change.

~~13.17(2) Two-year nonrenewable school counseling exchange license.~~

~~a. A two-year nonrenewable school counseling exchange license may be issued to an individual, provided that the individual:~~

~~(1) Has completed a regionally accredited master's degree program in school guidance counseling.~~

~~(2) Holds a valid school counseling certificate or license issued by an examining board which issues certificates or licenses based on requirements which are substantially equivalent to those of the board of educational examiners.~~

~~(3) Meets the qualifications in Iowa Code section 272.6.~~

~~(4) Is not subject to any pending disciplinary proceeding in any state.~~

~~b. Each exchange license shall be limited to the area(s) and level(s) of counseling as determined by an analysis of the application, the transcripts, and the license or certificate held in the state in which the basic preparation for the school counseling license was completed.~~

~~c. Each applicant for the exchange license shall comply with all requirements with regard to application processes and payment of licensure fees.~~

~~d. Each individual receiving the two-year exchange license must complete any identified licensure deficiencies in order to be eligible for a regular educational license in Iowa.~~

~~e. Individuals licensed under this provision are subject to the administrative rules of the board.~~

13.17(2) Two-year nontraditional exchange license. For an applicant applying under 13.3(3) and 13.3(4), a two-year nontraditional teacher exchange license may be issued to the applicant from state-approved preparation programs, under the following conditions:

a. The applicant has met the requirements of 13.3(4) "a" and "b."

b. The applicant has met the requirements of 13.17(1) "a"(3) through (7).

c. To convert the two-year nontraditional exchange license, the applicant must meet all deficiencies as well as meet the Iowa teaching standards as determined by a comprehensive evaluation by a licensed evaluator, and the applicant shall have two years of successful teaching experience in Iowa. The evaluator may recommend extending the license for a third year to meet Iowa teaching standards.

d. The license may be extended to meet the requirements for two years of successful teaching in Iowa with proof of employment.

13.17(3) No change.